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1. From 27 January to 6 February 1953, the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne, north and south of Breitscheidt Strasse, Magdeburg, were occupied by about 600 to 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. Infantry training was daily observed, while artillery training was seen in a few instances only.

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2. From 28 January to 3 February, the Hindenburg Kaserne at the intersection of Herrenkrug Strasse and Jerichower Strasse was occupied by about 450 to 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Troops observed concentrated on training in small arms firing and driving school in addition to drill.

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3. From 28 January to 6 February, the Nachrichten Kaserne, east of Turmschanzen Strasse and south of Jerichower Strasse, was occupied by about 360 to 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Infantry training and instruction on 57-mm AT guns and mortars was observed.

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4. From 28 January to 6 February, the Seeckt Kaserne east of Turmschanzen Strasse and north of Brueck Strasse, was occupied by about 450 to 500 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. Pontoons, amphibious cars, bridge sections and logs were seen in the barracks yard. On 30 January, troops practiced the loading of pontoons on trucks. Telephone training was repeatedly observed.

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5. On 6 February, the Zuckerbusch Kaserne on Zuckerbusch Strasse was occupied by about 100 troops. Sentries with black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets were alternately observed. [redacted]

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6. From 26 January to 6 February, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 600 to 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Troops observed concentrated on drill and instruction on 37-mm AA guns. [redacted]

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8. On 5 February, trucks [redacted] each towing a 37-mm AA gun left the Flak Kaserne, proceeding to the Elbe River, south of the northern railroad bridge. One of the trucks was occupied by about 24 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 6 February, an undetermined number of troops practiced aiming with 4 x 37-mm AA guns, and 60 soldiers drilled in the barracks yard. [redacted]

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9. On 13 February, the Seeckt Kaserne was not occupied to capacity. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets and some, black-bordered black epaulets with bridge construction insignia. From 5 to 12 February, four to eight trucks loaded with pontoons of various lengths left the installation almost daily at about 11 a.m., proceeding to the Elbe River area at Herrenkrug, northwest of the Rennwiesen (meadows). They almost always returned at about 4:30 p.m. [redacted]

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10. On 13 February, the Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied almost to capacity. On 6 February, a T-34/85 tank left the installation for the Elbe River area at Herrenkrug; it was followed by four 76-mm AT guns, each with a crew of 6 to 8 men. On 12 February, about 75 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with carbines, antitank rifles and machine guns left the installation toward the Elbe River. At about 9:30 a.m., a T-34/85 tank left the installation and drove to the Elbe River area at Herrenkrug. [redacted]

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11. On 13 February, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied almost to capacity. All barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. On 12 February, about 90 soldiers with signal equipment left the installation for a practice on the Elbe River. [redacted]

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12. On 13 February, the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne were occupied to capacity. At about 6:30 a.m.; on 6 February, about 600 troops wearing gasmasks left the installation, marching to the Elbe River area at Herrenkrug. [redacted] 25X1

13. [redacted]

14. On 29 January, about 550 troops and a T-43 tank entered the Nachrichten Kaserne, coming from a practice at Kleiner Anger. On 2 February, a T-43 and a T-34 tank entered the Nachrichten Kaserne. They were followed by about 50 soldiers with four 82-mm mortars, who came from the Grosser Anger.

15. On 30 January, about 30 soldiers received instruction on a BA-64 armored scout car and two canvas-covered tanks were seen in an open shed, in the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne. [redacted]

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16. At about 8 a.m. on 11 February, six trucks each towing a 57-mm AT gun and at about 8:15 a.m., two trucks occupied by troops [redacted] and towing a 120-mm mortar, were seen on the Herrenkrug Bridge in Magdeburg en route toward the town. [redacted] 25X1

17. [redacted] on 12 February, three quartering buildings of the Flak Kaserne were vacant. A shed was occupied to capacity by trucks [redacted] and radio truck [redacted]. On 15 February, intensive activity was observed in the installation and numerous trucks and personnel on foot were seen en route from and to the town. [redacted] 25X1
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18. At about 2 p.m. on 12 February, five trucks and six pontoons were seen on the Herrenkrug Bridge, coming from the Seect Kaserne and going for a practice.

19. On 10 February, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 1,800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 5 February, about 120 soldiers were drilling in the barracks yard and, at about 3:45 p.m. each about 15 soldiers received instruction on 4 x 37-mm AA guns and 3 x 76-mm AA guns. On 9 February, about 80 soldiers practiced marksmanship at the firing range southeast of the installation on the extension of Zehdenickerweg. [redacted] 25X1

20. On 10 February, the Seect Kaserne was occupied by about 1,600 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. On 5 February, a column of 4 trucks carrying 2 pontoons; 1 crane truck, and 1 truck occupied by 20 soldiers; and, on 7 February, 2 amphibious cars entered the installation. [redacted] 25X1

21. On 10 February, the Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. From 2 to 10 February, an undetermined number of 57-mm AT guns and 20-mm AA guns, BA-64 armored scout cars and armored personnel carriers were seen. On 7 February, about 10 soldiers practiced aiming with a 25-mm AA gun. [redacted] 25X1

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22. On 10 February, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets and, a few, black-bordered black epaulets. On 5 February, about 80 soldiers with signal equipment left the installation toward Grosser Anger.

23. On 16 February, the Seeckt Kaserne was occupied to capacity. About 60 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were constructing a pontoon bridge across the Elbe River opposite the installation. 25X1

24. On 11 February, the Flak Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Two searchlights were seen in operation at about 8 p.m. 25X1

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26. [redacted] Unit [redacted] previously stationed in Koenigsborn, along with the headquarters, had been transferred to Magdeburg. 25X1

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1. Comment. This information confirms the distribution of the units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div and the headquarters units of the Third Shock Army and the GOFG in the Magdeburg post as carried previously. 25X1
 [redacted] he light occupation of the Flak Kaserne on 12 February, mentioned in paragraph 17, was probably caused by the fact that units of the 3d Gds AAA Div, on 9 and 11 February, had moved to the Schwerin-Wittstock area for exercises held by the IX Mtz Rifle Corps. 25X1
 [redacted] Some of the occupation figures are again under-estimated. Compare with the first mentioned reference report. 25X1

2. Comment. [redacted] the 63d Gds Mecz Regt of the 19th Gds Mecz Div in the Nachrichten Kaserne in Magdeburg until 30 December 1952. The mortar company mentioned in paragraph 13 is fairly definitely believed to belong to this regiment. 25X1

3. Comment. [redacted] the 62d Gds Mecz Regt of the 19th Gds Mecz Div in the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne in Magdeburg until 23 November 1952. 25X1

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